

Remarks

By the foregoing Amendment, claims 1, 4, 22, and 24 are amended, and claims 2, 3, and 5 are cancelled. No new matter is added by this Amendment. Entry of the Amendment, and favourable consideration thereof, is earnestly requested.

In the Office Action, Examiner allowed original claim 5 if rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 has been rewritten including all of the limitations of base claim 1 as well as intervening claims 3 and 5.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 4, 8, 17, 19, 21, 22, and 24 under 35 U.S.C. 103(b) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 5,220,198 (hereinafter TSUJI). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

The Applicant submits that dependant claims 4, 8, 13-15, 17-19, and 23 are new and non-obvious over all of the cited references in view of their dependency on amended claims 1 and 22, and the arguments recited hereinabove, and that these claims are further patentable over the cited prior art in view of the following.

Specifically, each of independent claims 1, 22, and 24 has been amended to include the feature that the third section of the circuit board has a V-shaped configuration, and the first and second sections extend substantially in parallel one to the other, previously recited in claim 5. Claim 5 has been cancelled. TSUJI discloses no such feature, and does not directly anticipate the amended claims.

The Applicant further submits a person skilled in the art would not have been motivated to use the teachings of TSUJI to arrive at the invention claimed in claims 1, 4, 8, 13-15, 17-19, and 21-24. Specifically, while TSUJI does teach using a folded board, including a section between the first and second side opposite the imager, it teaches to

do this by employing a fixing member (206) inside the bottom planar section, around which the board is bent. Col. 12, Ins. 10-12; Fig. 18. Accordingly, TSUJI specifically teaches away from the modification required to arrive at the presently claimed invention.

The Applicant further submits a person skilled in the art would not have been motivated to use the teachings of TSUJI in view of US patent No. 4,779,130 (hereinafter YABE) to arrive at the invention claimed in claims 1, 4, 8, 13-15, 17-19, and 21-24. TSUJI failed to teach wherein first and second sections are parallel to each other, and while YABE does so, it fails to teach a third section with a substantially V-shaped configuration located between a first section and a second section. It would not have been obvious to combine these two references to arrive at the presently claimed invention.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 4, 8, 13-15, 17-19, and 21-24, all of the claims remaining in this application, are in order for allowance, and early notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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